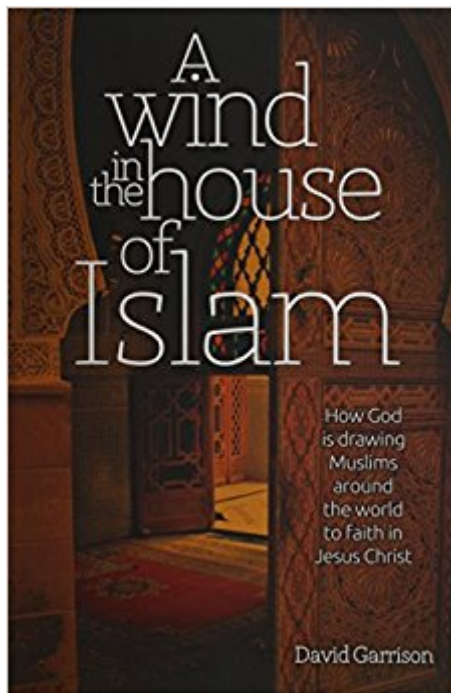




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A Wind In The House Of Islam: How God Is Drawing Muslims Around The World To Faith In Jesus Christ



Synopsis

There are nine geo-cultural "rooms" in the "House of Islam," and the Wind of God's Spirit is blowing through every one of them. David Garrison spent three years travelling a quarter-million miles through every corner of the Muslim world to investigate reports far and wide of Muslims turning to faith in Jesus Christ. In this amazing odyssey, Garrison gathered the stories of more than a thousand Muslim-background believers, asking them the question: "What did God use to bring you to faith in Jesus Christ? Tell me your story." The result is a historic and unprecedented insight into the greatest turning of Muslims to Christ in history. Hear the stories of men and women who have sacrificed everything – home, family, even their lives – for the sake of following Jesus. In this book, you will hear from men and women from West Africa to Indonesia and everywhere in between. You will see how God is at work through answered prayers; dreams and visions; 21st-century technologies such as Internet, satellite television, video and audio tools; and bold Christian witnesses who have often paid the ultimate price for the sake of reaching Muslims for Jesus Christ. Along the way, you will also gain insights into the fascinating background of each of these nine geo-cultural rooms in the House of Islam. Finally, and most importantly, you will learn how you too can be a part of the greatest turning of Muslims to Christ in history, both overseas and in your own community.

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Customer Reviews

David Garrison, PhD University of Chicago, has been a student of Islam and God's work among Muslims since his days as an Arabic student in Egypt two decades ago. He is the author and editor

of nine books on God's work among the world's least reached peoples.

A great portrait of how God is reaching the hearts of many. Revealing the truth of the Gospel in the Islamic world has historically been one of the most difficult things anyone could do. This book is full of anecdotes and historically accurate stories of what has happened throughout the centuries to Christian missionaries and many others who have tried to bring the Gospel to the Islamic world. This is important because it gives us a foundation and understanding of the danger inherent to this undertaking. There are so many wonderful stories about the many men and women who have sacrificed almost everything they've known to embrace the message of Jesus Christ. Some of these men and women have been beaten; some of them have been exiled from their families; and some of them have been killed simply for loving Jesus. Unfortunately, this is still the norm for anyone who chooses to follow Jesus Christ in many parts of the world. Yet, even though great obstacles stand in their way, droves of people are still coming to Jesus Christ because of revelatory dreams, logical analysis of the Gospels, compassion from the followers of Christ compared to the violence and mistreatment by local religious leaders and groups, and a realization that Jesus Christ's message is unique and provides them with a solution to their problems - a solution that only God Himself can offer. Some of the stories were really touching, and some made me realize how much we take for granted living in the West. We are allowed to practice any religion, or lack of religion, as we see fit. This is a luxury that many do not have in other parts of the world. Many of us here in the West think that this is a problem from an ancient time in history, but that is not the case. This is a huge problem that much of the world still has to face. Men and women are butchered and killed every day for simply choosing to follow Jesus Christ, and this book is another reminder that this is a very real problem that needs to be addressed. Our government downplays the severity of this, and the increasingly anti-Christian society we live in (here in the United States) does not care enough about this to make it an issue worth doing anything about.

This a study, not opinion or a novel. Great insight into primitive, tribal belief systems in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East and how radical Islamic leaders rule by violence, maintaining control. Interesting how the extreme violence and thought control turns some hearts and minds to Jesus. Not a specific denomination or set of doctrines, but to simple acceptance of Jesus as the divine Son of God.

Should be read by all, to better under stand Islam and its various facets. They are people although

we of the West could fear them. The Quran as originally written did not declare all "other" believers to be destroyed. Only later translations and writings by family members added these sections. A real eye opener as to how to convert Muslims to Christians by teaching them who Jesus is.

This book points out very clearly that God is still actively at work in our world and Islam is not more powerful than He is! Often we fallible people feel that the latest ism is going to overwhelm God's people and we act like it is up to us to "save" Christianity. But Garrison shows us in many ways that no ism, including Islam (much like communism before) is able to stand against God. Jesus promised us His eternal presence, power and authority. So no matter what our adversary we face we have to remember to continue to act as His children, actively loving even those who oppose us, and watch to see how He will defeat every foe!

This is a well-documented book about how God is bringing thousands to Himself in spite of suffering and persecution in the Islamic world. It is not a movement organized by humans but by the Holy Spirit. A most encouraging book, especially to those of us who gave most of our lives to trying to share the Gospel in the M. East and N. Africa.

"A Wind in the House of Islam" is the most encouraging book I've read this year. David Garrison has done an incredible amount of research throughout the Muslim world, documenting mighty works of God in bringing movements of Muslims to faith in Jesus Christ. In centuries and even just decades past, many Christians thought Muslims could not be reached with the gospel, or at best could only be reached one at a time over the course of many years. We are privileged to live in a day when a whole book can be written focusing only on movements in which at least 1,000 baptized Muslim-background believers have come to faith in a relatively short time. In a brief overview of history since the beginning of Islam, Garrison notes, "In Islam's first 12 centuries we found no voluntary, and only a handful of coerced, conversions to the Christian religion. Not until the end of the 19th century, twelve and a half centuries after the death of Muhammad, did we find the first voluntary movements of Muslims to Christ that numbered at least 1,000 baptisms. But then, in the final two decades of the 20th century, there was a surge of 11 additional movements. In only the first 12 years of the 21st century, an additional 69 movements to Christ of at least 1,000 baptized Muslim-background believers or 100 new worshipping fellowships have appeared. Something is happening - something historic,

something unprecedented. This amazing increase in apparent openness to the gospel is noteworthy, and Garrison unveils some of how it's happening, by focusing on one summary question: "What is God using to bring Muslims to faith in Christ?" By dividing the Islamic-majority world into nine "rooms," he is able to present a sufficiently thorough global overview of what is happening, as well as able to share many amazing testimonies without exposing and endangering the tellers of those stories. Historical, cultural and strategic background on each of the "rooms" is combined with descriptions of the movements in each room and sprinkled liberally with personal testimonies of some of those interviewed. This makes for a very informative and edifying read — great for prayer, strategic thinking, and general encouragement. The tone of the book is rich with evident affectionate concern for Muslims and honest assessment of the shortcomings of God's people in serving as Christ's ambassadors to the house of Islam. Garrison's summaries of "Ten Bridges of God" and "Five Barriers to Movements" serve as helpful signposts for those serious about functioning as the light of Christ to Muslims. His brief final chapter, "Our Response," is a stirring invitation to readers to play a practical, loving, and active role in the work God is doing in our day in bringing Muslims to himself. I highly recommend this book to anyone who cares about Muslims or wants to be encouraged by reports of the mighty works of the Lord in our time.

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